

# VDEM RECOVERY AND MITIGATION

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# Disaster Status Updates

- ▣ Governor's Letter requesting a 30 day extension for filing Disaster request submitted for TS Lee for Public Assistance on October 7, 2011, approved by FEMA.
- ▣ Disaster Declaration Request for the Earthquake was denied for Individual Assistance. **Appeal is being prepared in coordination with Louisa County.**
- ▣ Hurricane Irene (DR-4024) declared on September 3, 2011 for Public Assistance.
  - PA estimate is approx. \$65,000,000
    - ▣ VA responsible for approx. \$16,250,000
  - HMGP estimate is approx. \$9,750,000
    - ▣ VA 20% contribution (if approved) is approx. \$1,950,000

# Disaster Updates – DR-4024

- ▣ Presidential Declaration on September 3, 2011
  - Public Assistance
  - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- ▣ VDEM actions
  - Applicant Briefings conducted
  - Applicants' Conference call on Oct. 17 regarding submission of supporting documentation
  - Coordinate historical property issues with VDHR
  - Kick off meetings in coordination with local governments and FEMA

# Disaster Update, Hurricane Irene - PA

As of October 26, 2011

- ▣ Submitted 136 Requests for Public Assistance
- ▣ Completed 121 kick-off meetings
- ▣ Submitted 37 project worksheets to FEMA, expectations for a total of 72 to be submitted by October 25, 2011

# Disaster Update, Earthquake - PA

- ▣ Joint PDA for schools in Louisa County completed October 14, 2011
  - FEMA and Louisa County engineers to review and provide a more detailed damage assessment to validate data and discuss options
  - Reviewing local insurance coverage and assessments

# Disaster Update, TS Lee - PA

- ▣ Completed PDAs in Prince William and Fairfax Counties
- ▣ Completing PDAs for VDOT in Loudon, Prince William, and Fairfax Counties

# Improve the Recovery Process - PA

- ▣ If you are declared locality:
- ▣ Once response activities are initiated ensure your Finance staff assigns code to facilitate identification of response and recovery costs.
- ▣ Begin gathering damage costs and associated documentation once response operations end.
- ▣ Organize data as follows:
  - Labor; Equipment; Supplies; Contract Services
  - Copies of highlighted disaster related cost spreadsheets are acceptable. (e.g., payroll/overtime;
- ▣ Submit data to FEMA/State teams assigned to collect data as soon as possible.
  - Do not wait to submit
- ▣ Submit your required administrative paperwork as soon as possible following Applicants Briefings
  - Request for Public Assistance (RPA)
  - Grant Assurances

# Disaster Update, Hurricane Irene

## - IA

- ▣ SBA Agency Declarations received for New Kent County and City of Petersburg
- ▣ SBA Outreach Centers were established for in person service (now closed)
  - Petersburg had 66 visitors
  - New Kent had 32 visitors
  - Total is 98
- ▣ Citizens and businesses are still able to apply for SBA assistance by using the SBA toll-free number and website until Nov. 21.
- ▣ Regional VOAD and state personnel on-site to promote potential voluntary help



# Disaster Update, Earthquake - IA

- ▣ IA request was denied by FEMA. An appeal will be submitted with the next few days
- ▣ IA assessment difficulties included
  - The inability to perform windshield PDAs
  - The need to check for hidden damage by entering the dwelling (not done in non-earthquake PDAs)
  - Property owners not being home when inspectors came by
  - Time intensive PDAs (only about 20 inspection per team per day)
  - Need for PDA team members to learn the unique aspects of structural damages created by earthquakes

# Disaster Update, TS Lee - IA

- ▣ Completed joint PDAs in Prince William and Fairfax Counties
- ▣ Awaiting FEMA decision on IA declaration request
  - Over 200 people were in shelters at the height of the event
  - Approx. 100 homes and 16 businesses either destroyed or major damage

# Disaster Update, Tornados - IA

- ▣ FEMA denied disaster declaration requests
- ▣ Governor authorized the use of the Virginia Disaster Relief Fund
  - As of October 19, 2011
    - ▣ Distributed Funds
      - \$247,643 to approx. 35 households in four counties
        - Washington, Pulaski, Halifax, Gloucester
    - ▣ Pending Application
      - \$881,065 for approx. 55 households

# Preliminary IA After-Action Items

- ▣ Need for localities to identify damages by street address whenever possible
- ▣ Need for emergency coordinators to insure that whatever departments receive incoming calls about their normal function (risk management; storm water units) to incorporate data gathering that assists the IA Initial Damage Assessment process
- ▣ For IA, the numerical count in the destroyed and major categories is critical, not the dollar value of the damages
- ▣ Consider the issues associated with non-English speaking populations (TS Lee)

# Disaster Update, Irene - HM

- ▣ PA declarations opens up HMGP funding
- ▣ VDEM will be presenting 5 mitigation applicant briefings
  - 3 local
  - 2 webinar
  - Dates and locations to be announced
- ▣ State mitigation priorities for this event are:
  - Declared communities
  - Repetitive Loss
  - Disaster Resistant Universities
  - Infrastructure

# Disaster Update, Earthquake - HM

- ▣ Identifying mitigation actions
  - Realistic
  - Affordable
  - For homeowners also
- ▣ Mitigation Outreach
  - Best Practice story from JFO mitigation staff
- ▣ Improving/Updating State Hazard Mitigation Plan
- ▣ If VA gets a declaration, then mitigation applicant briefings will be scheduled and state mitigation priorities determined

# Disaster Update, TS Lee - HM

- ▣ Staff has been assisting in PDA's
- ▣ Staff is working with impacted localities to try to acquire funding through cyclical HM grants to address flooding issues

# Disaster funded Mitigation (General Notes)

- Two essential components
  - Planning
    - Update existing Hazard Mitigation Plans by providing event impact measures
    - Complete, get approved, and adopt local expired plans
      - Must have a current plan to be eligible for funding
    - Identify existing strategies or processes that worked
    - Identify strategies or processes to be implemented
  - Projects
    - Public Assistance mitigation
      - Section 406
    - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
      - Section 404